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Misconceptions plague topic

The attitude expressed by representatives of Colorado for family Values regarding child-sexual-abuse research is highly disturbing. The group refuses to provide certain research references but still presents the information as valid. Unfortunately, the topic of child sexual abuse is plagued enough by ignorance and misconceptions without adding another about homosexuals. I take strong exception to any group advancing its cause at the expense of child-abuse victims who need support not undermining.

Educating the American public to confront this phenomenon has been a painful, tedious process measured in micro-steps. The assertion that homosexuals are significantly responsible for child sexual abuse negates this process and diverts attention and responsibility away from the real perpetrators who are predominantly heterosexual, married, employed males often active in church.

Our society can only overcome its defensiveness about our failure to protect children from child molesters by facing the truth and not perpetuating propaganda. Colorado for Family Values can advocate for families, including children, by joining this effort.

— **Pat Wyka**
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